

REMARKS


Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Following the amendments, claims 1-22 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 2 and 21 being in independent format.

The specification has been amended to update the status of related applications. Claims 2-22 have been added to the application. Claim 2 is drawn to a composition comprising a component prepared by (a) inactivating *M. vaccae* cells; (b) freeze drying the inactivated cells; (c) contacting the freeze dried material with a chloroform-methanol mixture to provide a delipidated material; (c) refluxing the delipidated material with an ethanol-water mixture to provide a delipidated and deglycolipidated material; and (d) contacting the delipidated and deglycolipidated material with sulfuric acid. Support for claim 2 may be found, for example, at page 21, line 20 - page 22, line 28, and page 26, lines 1-12, of the specification as originally filed. Support for claims 3-8, which are dependent upon claims 1 and 2, may be found in Example 6 of the specification (page 31, line 23 - page 32, line 22). Support for claim 9 may be found, for example, on page 18, lines 1-12, and support for claims 10-14 may be found, for example, on page 12, line 23 - page 13, line 20. Support for claims 15 and 16 may be found in Example 13 (page 40, lines 1-24). Support for claims 17-20 may be found, for example at page 13, line 21 - page 14, line 11, and support for claims 20 and 21 may be found at page 35, line 15 page 36, line 26.

It is urged that support for all the above amendments can be found throughout the specification as originally filed and that none of the amendments constitute new matter.

Early consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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